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SUBJ: MRS. MARCOS GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE

1. ON ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY JUNE 19 TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE, MRS. MARCOS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS MAY VISIT MEXICO IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AT THIS SAME AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE, MRS. MARCOS SAID THAT THE WAR IN INDOCHINA UN- QUESTIONABLY Affected THE PHILIPPINES JUST AS IT HAD THE WHOLE WORLD. THIS SHOWED, SHE EMPHASIZED, THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRIES PREPARING THEMSELVES AND STRENGTHENING THEIR INTERNAL STRUCTURES, BECAUSE WHEN A NATION IS WEAK INTERNALLY, IT IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO PRESSURES FROM "BAD" INTERNAL AND EX- TERNAL INFLUENCES.

3. MRS. MARCOS ALSO SAID THAT THE PHILIPPINES' RECENT RECOGNITION OF THE PRC DOES NOT MEAN THAT HER COUNTRY INTENDS TO CHANGE ITS POLICY, BUT RATHER THAT IT IS DEALING WITH A REALITY WHICH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT MUST CONFRONT.

4. MRS. MARCOS IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN MEXICO TWO DAYS AND WILL GIVE A SPEECH ENTITLED, "THE MYSTIQUE OF THE ORIENTAL WOMAN" AT THE IWY CONFERENCE. FROM MEXICO SHE UNCLASSIFIED

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